

## CITATION

Mr. William E. Colby is hereby awarded the National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal for distinguished and meritorious service and achievement on behalf of the United States in duties of great responsibility within the Intelligence Community. Mr. Colby has had a distinguished career including more than thirty years of exceptional intelligence accomplishments in a variety of operational, planning and management assignments, culminating in nearly two and a half years as Director of Central Intelligence. Serving as the nation's senior foreign intelligence officer during a most difficult and trying period for American intelligence, Mr. Colby demonstrated outstanding qualities of leadership and integrity, willingly served "at the point" in meeting Community problems, applied a keen intellectual approach to solution of these problems, and provided calm management in crisis situations. He was clearly the leader and spokesman of the Community, and his outstanding accomplishments distinctly benefit the interests of the United States and constitute a major contribution to the foreign intelligence mission of the Intelligence Community.

*Presented by Lt Gen  
Sam Wilson, USA,  
D/DCI/IC on 15 Jan 76*